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On the 16th at 7:55 P.M. I arrived at Martz and WSP picked me up; we arrived at Box 29 rather quickly and I had dinner and began to prepare myself for the events of the following day; at 7:30 A.M. I was up and about on the 17th and I dressed: dark suit and tie and left for Scranton at 8:45 A.M. At 9 A.M. I dropped off Part I of my history of Carbondale's three City Halls at the News office; DJB was there and in a very strange mood--apparently he is extremely preoccupied with a News deadline I thought to myself; he was very distant and it upset me; I gave him Part I and said I would be back around 2 P.M. I arrived in Scranton about 9:40 A.M. and parked the car at The Globe and went right to the Scranton Life Building and entered. Tom Horlacher greeted me and we sat in his office overlooking the Public Square in Scranton. He has his father's eyes. I was feeling like a million dollars and was very much in control of myself and the situation. We had a wonderful chat about old buildings and about Carbondale and about the Forest City City Hall--which Horlacher is restoring; He told me about fund-raising channels to follow (start with the office of the Community Development Director who has an office in Carbondale City Hall). Horlacher volunteered to come up to Carbondale and have a look at the building and to list the priorities of repair from the perspective of an architect. It will be an etat de batiment repair. This will be very useful in seeking funds on the state and national levels. I told him I would ask him to do so sometime after the first of the year and he said he would be pleased to do so; I also asked him to write a support letter for the nomination form for the Pennsylvania and National Registers and he said he would be glad to do so; He assured me I would have the letter from him before Christmas. It was a very cordial and friendly and easy visit and both of us enjoyed ourselves; I left and went to the bus station (Martz) and waited for about a half-hour and WBW arrived from NYC. He was in a grand mood. He told me he wanted to do a story about the whole process of restoring CCH and I told him I was delighted. I would give him all of the primary texts that I have so far faithfully gathered. We walked to the Lackawanna Historical Society only to find that Lewis was not there, as he said he would be. I left a draft of the letter that I wrote in his name and asked that he send the letter to me by early next week. The woman to whom I gave the letter thought I was DWP and I didn't tell her otherwise. I wish Lewis had been there because WBW was in a note-taking mood and was eager to get things on paper. We drove from Scranton to Carbondale in a terrible snowstorm. Traffic was moving very slowly and it was very depressing to think about what it would be like at 7 P.M. when the festivities at City Hall were to begin. We inched our way into Carbondale and went to the News Office to find a very "not there" DJB; he told me that the High School band had cancelled, and asked if we should call it off. No, said I. I don't care if there are only three or four of us there, we must go through with it. OK said DJB. DJB was very preoccupied with the Carbondale News mechanicals that were everywhere in the office and that explains why he was so non-present I believe. I told DJB I would be at CCH at 6 P.M. and WBW and I left and walked to the Library. Miss Muldoon was there and she said that the person from Micrographics was expected between 1 and 2; it was 1:40 when we arrived so we hung around; I spotted John Buberniak who was reading on the ground floor and introduced him and WBW to each other and just about then the Micrographics person arrived and Miss Muldoon and I dealt with him and WBW and John Buberniak talked to each other. The Micrographics person was not very well informed and was not able to answer many of my questions. At one point he made a call to the office in Hazleton to find out some of the answers. He was really a terrible salesman. In addition, he reeked of cheap cologne and strong cigarettes. He will find out some answers and get back to Miss Muldoon. In the meantime John Buberniak and WBW were having an indepth conversation about the Gravity Railroad. John Buberniak was lecturing to WBW and I found it all very amusing. We left the Library and went to the

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Columbia Hose Company and found Tom Brennan comfortably ensconced before a television set on which was playing cartoons. I asked him if everything was all set for tonight and he said yes and I said wonderful because the show will go on only if there are three or four of us there. He was pleased and said that was good. WBW asked him some technical questions about the clock and mercury switches and such and they both had a good time. John Buberniak borrowed a flashlight from Tom and WBW, SRP and JB went to CCH and ascended the stairs. JB and I gave WBW the grand tour of the building and he was very excited about it all and that pleased me a great deal. At about 4 P.M. I announced that we had to leave to get to Box 29 for dinner and off we went. We arrived at about 4:15 and the house was full of the smell of roast chicken and it was grand. We dined sumptuously and well and it was a very pleasant dinner. WBW and I were starving. I asked if WSP would drive us in to Carbondale at 6 because the roads were bad and I didn't feel like driving the car on the bad roads. He was very glad to do so; HLRP wants to go he reported and said that he would drive us down at 6 and then come back and get HLRP and they would arrive around 6:30. Wonderful, thought I. We were dropped off at 6 and JB was the only other person there. We were in the lobby of CCH. At 6:30 Charlotte Moro and Bob Tomaine arrived and a couple of people I didn't recognize. DBJ was there. I saw the jeep pull up across the street from CCH and went out to talk to WSP and HLRP and they got out of the jeep and came into the building, which was wonderful. There were about a dozen of us and we were all somewhat uncomfortable. At about 6:45 P.M. Tom Brennan arrived and we then switched into highgear. He and three or four others (Tomaine, JB, Joe Burrell) rushed to the tower. I told those gathered in the lobby that I had about five minutes worth of things to say and I then stood at the North side of the Lobby in front of the Bulletin Board and read my remarks. I couldn't believe I was doing it and that WSP and HLRP were there. I was delighted. As I was reading, people began to enter the Lobby: Jean Colville, Nan Loftus, Joe Pascoe, Kenneth Colville, Dr. Coleman, and other distinguished citizens of Carbondale. I was overjoyed. The lobby was quite full of people at five minutes to seven, when I finished reading my remarks. We then all went out-side and crossed the street and gazed up at the tower. At 7 P.M., right on schedule, the bell started ringing and the lights came on and we all started to applaud. There were about 45-50 people lined up on the sidewalk (on the Memorial Park side of North Main Street--we were lined up the whole distance from Sixth Avenue to Park Place); it was wonderful. At 7:05 PM, right on schedule the bells of the Berean Baptist, St. Rose, Mount Carmel and Trinity Churches began to ring, as did the Hendrick horn and the Columbia Hose Company's siren. It was wonderful. I invited everyone present to attend the meeting of the Committee at 7:30 and most everyone did, including WSP and HLRP. It was suggested that I read my remarks again and I did, changing the verbs in the future tense to the past tense and I was warmly applauded by the group assembled in City Council chambers, as I was by the group in the lobby of CCH at 6:50 P.M. I was feeling wonderful. Tom Brennan, DBJ, Bob Tomaine, JB and I sat on the dias and we conducted the meeting. DJB and I were in control. We banked it back and forth between the two of us. He asked me about the national register report and I gave a ten minute talk on the building to the group assembled; I then brought up the topic of money and he took over; he then brought up the topic of an historic district on Main Street in Carbondale and I took over. It was very well articulated. Tom Brennan spoke about the Clock repairs and what should be done and what could be done. The subject of Ervin Chubb's offer to fix the clock was brought up and not very well received by many. He will have to prove to us that he can get all the parts he needs and will need and that he will guarantee the work. The whole matter of the clock repair is being very well handled by Tom Brennan and we will all defer to what he thinks best I'm sure. David Baum asked for comments from the floor and at that point Dr. Coleman